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SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" ఆంధ్ర దేశంలో ఉన్న కల్లుగీత పనివార్ల సంఘాలు, ఇతరులు నీరా తయారుచేయుటకు అనుమతించమని ఎన్నో మెమొరాండంలు పంపుకొన్న విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలుసు; అలాంటప్పుడు ఆంధ్రలో నీరా popular గా లేదని సాకు చెప్పడం ప్రజాభిప్రాయానికి విరుద్ధంకాదా ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, I had some experience during my tour in Krishna and other parts of Andhra districts. There, I was told that the people are not generally taking to neera as they are doing in Tamil Nad."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" ప్రభుత్వం కొన్ని experiments చేసిందని మంత్రిగారు శెలవిచ్చారు. అయితే ఆ experiments ఫలితము లేమో తెలియ జేస్తారా ? "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the Minister stated that they have been conducting some experiments; what is the result of those experiments? Also, he said that it is not popular in Andhra. Apparently, it is popular in Tamil Nad. Do all the twelve districts there possess the liberty of manufacturing neera as they like? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir. It is not right to say that they have got absolute liberty. It all depends upon how Government give them permission to do so."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Sir, as neera is considered a nutritious and healthy drink, will the Hon. Minister consider the opening of neera parlours in all the slums in Madras City? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" For the information of the House, I may say that neera parlours were opened in two places in the Madras City. The tapping of neera is seasonal and we cannot expect neera to be available throughout the year. In the off-season, the distribution of neera was stopped."

SRI VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Am I correct in my surmise that the Government are cautious in this neera business, because of the likely misuse it will be put to? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Exactly, so, Sir."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister kindly tell us what exactly is the taste of this neera? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It is very sweet and nice." (Laughter.)

Harijan Gazetted Officers in the Agricultural department.

* 291 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any (i) Harijans and (ii) Christians are employed in Gazetted posts in the Agricultural department; and

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(b) if so, how many of them are (i) Andhras, (ii) Tamilians and (iii) others?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The number of Harijans and Christians employed in Gazetted posts of the Agricultural Department is as follows :—

(1) Harijans—

(i) Andhras	2
(ii) Tamils	Nil.
(iii) Others	Nil.

(2) Christians—

(i) Andhras	Nil.
(ii) Tamils	11
(iii) Others	5"

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether any regional basis is being observed for appointment to these reserved posts, and whether promotions of Harijans are being made from among the non-gazetted ranks? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Madras Agricultural Service comprises of several categories. Appointment to them is by direct recruitment or by transfer from subordinate service or by promotion within the service. In some cases, for instance, of Agricultural Research Officers, Assistant Research Officers and Assistant Agricultural Engineers, appointment is made by selection from among persons eligible for appointment by direct recruitment, transfer and promotion. Recruitment to the posts in neither done on communal basis nor on linguistic basis, except in the case of posts included in category V, viz., District Agricultural Officers, Assistant Marketing Officers, Junior Lecturers, etc. The number of permanent vacancies in this category is 1 to 4. The rule of reservation of appointments contemplates the reservation of 3 and 5 is a cycle of 20 for candidates of the Scheduled Classes and Tribes and Backward classes respectively. There is no reservation for Indian Christians."

2-30 p.m. SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, are there no Tamil Harijans or Andhra Christians who deserve these posts? The Minister's answer says there are none employed now."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I suppose there are lots and lots of them, but here they do not find a place this time."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister kindly inform the House as to how many candidates belonging to the Backward classes are appointed to Gazetted ranks? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."